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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – Protecting Your Vehicles Against Vandalism

The Lackawanna Police Department is receiving a growing number of calls related to vehicle break-ins where the vehicle is parked outside. Our police department is aggressively investigating these reported crimes and has patrols on high alert for such activity throughout our city.

We're asking for everyone's cooperation to use a few basic precautions to help reduce the likelihood of a vehicle being vandalized while parked outside. These include:

- Always lock your vehicle doors and make sure all windows are fully rolled-up at all times.*
- Keep valuables such as mobile phones, wallets, loose change, laptops, backpacks, briefcases, shopping bags or keys out of site – anything visible on a seat, dashboard or floor is an easy target for vandals.*
- It's advised NOT to leave anything of value in your car overnight – even in a hiding spot such as a center console, glove compartment or pockets in your back seats. If you think it's a great hiding place, so will a vandal.*

If you see a vehicle break-in occurring or suspect one is about to happen, please do not confront anyone directly. Immediately contact the Lackawanna Police Department for assistance at 822 – 4900.

Thank you for your cooperation. And as always, stay safe and God bless.

Annette